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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the subsection "Brief Description of The Drawings", by replacing paragraphs [0045] and [0046] of page 9 presently on file by paragraphs [0045] to [0048] given below:

[0045] Fig. 20 is a 3D perspective view of the intermediate assembly where the bottom surface has been polished flat to expose the optical fibers, and where the dowel pins are inserted into the back surface; [[and]]

[0046] Fig. 21 is a to-scale side view of the completed second embodiment of the invention as described in Fig. 20; [[.]]

[0047] (New) Fig. 22a is an end view of a single Multi-Mode (MM) optical fiber before over-polish; and

[0048] (New) Fig. 22b is an end view of a single MM optical fiber after an 8.5-micron over-polish.

It will be noted that throughout the appended drawings, like features are identified by like reference numerals.